

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA       )  
  )  
                  v.                                )       CASE NO. 3:07-cr-317-WKW  
  )  
ROBERT BARNETT                                )

**PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE**

WHEREAS, in the forfeiture allegation of the indictment in the above case, the United States sought forfeiture of specific property,

It is ORDERED as follows:

1. As a result of the guilty plea on Count 1 of the indictment, for which the Government sought forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924 and 28 U.S.C. § 2416(c), the defendant shall forfeit to the United States: all firearms and ammunition involved in the commission of the violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1).

2. The court has determined that the following firearms are subject to forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924 and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c); that the defendant had an interest in such firearms; and, that the United States has established the requisite nexus between such firearms and such offense:

one Colt .25 caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number

0D38623; and

one Smith & Wesson .357 caliber revolver, bearing serial number N375653.

3. Upon the entry of this Order, the United States Attorney General is authorized to seize the above-listed firearms and conduct any discovery proper in identifying, locating

or disposing of the firearms subject to forfeiture, in accordance with Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2(b)(3).

4. Upon entry of this Order, the United States Attorney General is authorized to commence any applicable proceeding to comply with statutes governing third party rights, including giving notice of this Order.

5. The United States shall publish notice of the Order and its intent to dispose of the firearms in such a manner as the United States Attorney General may direct. The United States may also, to the extent practicable, provide written notice to any person known to have an alleged interest in the subject firearms.

6. Any person, other than the above named defendant, asserting a legal interest in the subject firearms may, within thirty days of the final publication of notice or receipt of notice, whichever is earlier, petition the court for a hearing without a jury to adjudicate the validity of his alleged interest in the subject firearms, and for an amendment of the Order of Forfeiture, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c) and 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(6).

7. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2(b)(3), this Order of Forfeiture shall become final as to the defendant at the time of sentencing and shall be made part of the oral pronouncement of sentence and included in the written judgment in a criminal case. If no third party files a timely claim, this Order shall become the Final Order of Forfeiture, as provided by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2(c)(2).

8. Any petition filed by a third party asserting an interest in the subject firearms shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury and shall set forth the nature and

extent of the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the subject firearms, the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right, title or interest in the subject firearms, and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the relief sought.

9. After the disposition of any motion filed under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2(c)(1)(A) and before a hearing on the petition, discovery may be conducted in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure upon a showing that such discovery is necessary or desirable to resolve factual issues.

10. The United States shall have clear title to the subject firearms following the Court's disposition of all third-party interests, or, if no such petitions are filed, following the expiration of the period provided in 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2), which is incorporated by 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), for the filing of third party petitions.

11. The court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Order and to amend it as necessary pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2(e).

12. It is further ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall note entry of this Order in writing on the Judgment in a Criminal Case and forward two certified copies of this Order to the United States Attorney's Office.

Done this 19th day of August, 2008.

/s/ W. Keith Watkins  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE